CASE 4-118-8353B/C1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

NEUER ET AL.

APPLICATION NO:

FILED: December 15, 2000

FOR: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS OF MACROLIDES OR

CYCLOSPORINE WITH A POLYETHOXYLATED SATURATED

HYDROXY-FATTY ACID

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the Title, insert:

now abandoned -- This is a continuation of Ser. No. 09/077,231, May 26, 1998, pending, which is a 371 of PCT/EP 96/05279, Nov. 28, 1996. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or claim 2".

Claim 4, line 1, delete ", 2 or 3".

Claim 7, line 1, replace "any preceding claim" by -- claim 1 -- .

Claim 8, line 1, replace "in any of claims 1 to 6" by -- claim 1 -- .

Claim 9, line 1, delete ", 3 or 4".